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Thank you,

My name is Rashima Kwatra, I am speaking on behalf of the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders.

At a time when humanity and life on this planet are under threat, we welcome the Co-Facilitators' commitment to ensuring that The Political Declaration will be an action-oriented, transformative and ambitious document. As well the commitment to consult with the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders, as mandated and integral actors to the achievement of the SDGs.

We need concerted action, true political will, and real financing to meet the current global challenges and to address the existing systemic paradigms that are deepening structural inequalities, increasing violations of human rights and destruction of the environment.

The ongoing legacy of the COVID-19 pandemic is one of lethal and catastrophic consequences, disproportionately impacting Global South countries and already marginalized communities, especially those facing multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, to the benefit of wealthy countries and pharmaceutical companies.

Prior inequalities and vulnerabilities are being exacerbated including, humanitarian crises, environmental and climate devastation, unsustainable debt, abject hunger and poverty, and greater crises in education, care work, and energy, adding to alarming levels of gender based violence and discrimination.

We cannot simply focus on resilience, recovery and adapting to a new normal.

States and all stakeholders must take action to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs now more than ever, with concerted and targeted efforts to leave no one behind.

To do so, implementation must encompass aid, finance, trade, technology transfer and capacity building while addressing the asymmetry in global power relations, inequalities within and among countries, unsustainable debt patterns, and preventing illicit finance flows, asset stealth, profit shifting and tax evasions to secure state fiscal space.

Further, Data and Science Technology and Innovation have an integral role in promoting gender equality and making this world sustainable and equitable, when it works for all and is



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inclusive and participatory in its design, use, and governance, as is also highlighted at the ongoing CSW67 Session.

Member States should be encouraged to create and use high-quality disaggregated data and citizen-generated data, while ensuring the participation of marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities and others. This is not only beneficial to drive evidence-based work, but to foster multi-stakeholder engagement and find common solutions at local, national, regional and global levels.

The Major Groups and Other Stakeholders have not only been key drivers to change but key implementers and funders of the SDGs. We continue to be committed to supporting and promoting bold, ambitious and transformative actions of all Member States and other actors, while working alongside you in action for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership.